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opposed no. Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: The bill advances. LB 608, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Legislative Bill 608 was introduced by Senator Wesely. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 21 of this year, referred to to the Health and Human Services Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments attached.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. Senator Wesely, to open on your bill.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I'll open and then I'll describe the amendment as well. The bill itself deals with the change in licensure categories on what were previously known as residential care and domiciliary care facilities. In fact, I was the one that carried the legislation that established the domiciliary care designation back about 12-14 years ago. But as time has evolved, we have had a change in how we provide community-based assistance to those who are elderly, disabled, maybe mentally ill, who have a slight set of needs not requiring a nursing home, but requiring some assistance, some personal assistance. These two categories, residential care and domiciliary care are not functioning in the way we need to today. We're eliminating those two categories and replacing them with just one, so we're going from two to one, and that will be called the assisted living facility. There'll be authority given to the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure to develop rules and regs to implement that, and those rules and regs will deal with the different processes put in place to provide the assistance to these individuals. The committee amendments...shall we go ahead to the...is that okay if I go ahead to the committee amendments?

SENATOR CROSBY: That's fine, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay. Well, the committee amendments